

bonds were issued for lawful county purposes of Surry County constituting special purposes within the meaning of Section six of Article V of the Constitution of North Carolina, and that all of said bonds were issued either for necessary expenses of said county within the meaning of Section seven of Article VII of the Constitution of North Carolina or for the financing of expenditures necessary for the maintenance of public schools by said county, as an administrative agency of the State of North Carolina, for the six months term required by said Constitution.

Purposes of bond issues determined, within meaning of State Constitution.

SEC. 2. The following described highway improvement bonds of the following named townships in Surry County, of the aggregate face amount of approximately three hundred and twenty-three thousand and five hundred dollars (\$323,500.00), viz: The bonds of Mount Airy Township dated July first, one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, the bonds of Elkin Township dated July first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Pilot Township dated July first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Long Hill Township dated August first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Shoals Township dated August first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Siloam Township dated August first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Westfield Township dated August first, one thousand nine hundred and fifteen, the bonds of Marsh Township dated January first, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the bonds of Rockford Township dated June first, one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, the bonds of Elkin Township dated March first, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and the bonds of Stewarts Creek Township dated July first, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and all other bonds of any of said townships heretofore issued and now outstanding, are hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding any lack of power or authority to issue said bonds and notwithstanding any neglect or failure to comply with any requirement of law in issuing said bonds or any irregularity in the proceedings taken to provide for the issuance of said bonds. It is hereby determined that all of said township bonds were issued for the purpose of, and the proceeds of said bonds used for making necessary improvement of public roads constituting a part of the general road system of Surry County, and that the entire county received direct benefit from the said expenditures, and the county, as a whole, was relieved of an expenditure which otherwise would have fallen upon the whole county.

Certain highway improvement bonds, validated.

Bonds issued for necessary improvements of public roads.

SEC. 3. The County of Surry is hereby authorize to issue refunding bonds in accordance with the provisions of the County Finance Act for the purpose of refunding any or all of the bonded debt described or referred to in Sections one or two of this Act. No township bonded debt shall, however, be refunded into county bonds unless and until such township debt shall have been assumed by Surry County by resolution adopted by its board

Issuance of refunding bonds, authorized.

Approval by voters of Surry County at election, required.